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In re Application of	:	
Gutsol et al.	:	
Serial No.: 10/531,129	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/US03/09089	:	PETITION
Int. Filing Date: 24 March 2003	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Priority Date: 25 March 2002	:	
Attorney's Docket No.: 4264.73438	:	
For: METHOD FOR ABATEMENT OF VOC IN	:	
EXHAUST GASES BY WET PULSE CORNEA	:	
DISCHARGE	:	

This decision is responsive to the "PETITION FOR REVIVIAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT DESIGNATING THE U.S. ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)" filed 13 April 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 24 March 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/US03/09089, which claimed priority of an earlier U.S. provisional application filed 25 March 2002. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee for the national stage in the United States expired at midnight on 25 September 2004.

On 13 April 2005, applicants filed the current petition along with a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States. The transmittal letter was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a petition to revive, authorization to charge the deposit account for the fee for the petition to revive and authorization to charge the deposit account for the basic national fee. These papers were assigned Application No. 10/531,129.

On 26 July 2005, applicants filed a declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C.371(c)(4).

DISCUSSION

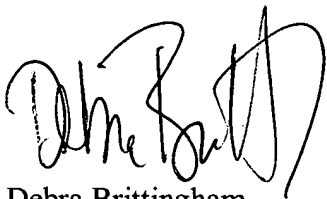
A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requesting that the application be revived on the grounds of unintentional delay must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied (1) by a statement that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional," (2) by a proper reply, (3) by the petition fee required by law (37 CFR 1.17(m)), and (4) if the international filing date of the application is before June 8, 1995, any petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by a terminal disclaimer and small entity fee of \$55

Applicants have provided the required statement, a proper reply and the petition fee. Therefore, the petition to revive is GRANTED.

CONCLUSION

The petition to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is GRANTED as to the National Stage in the United States of America.

This application is being forwarded to the national stage office for preparation of a "NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) showing a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of **26 July 2005**.



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